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Planned Activity

In the initial awarding of the grant, we had difficulty phasing our proposed support of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and young US scientists with the meeting schedule and the grant cycle. Initially, the grant arrived too late to support the meeting. The following year, a combination of the renewal process and the meeting announcement prevented us from announcing the support opportunity sufficiently in advance to allow us to make awards and provide support.

As described in the initial proposal, the Moriond and Blois meetings are a unique opportunity for younger researchers to make oral presentations of their work at an international venue.

Final Disposition

As noted above, the phasing of meetings combined with the difficulty of arranging foreign travel for scientists at other institutions precluded the possibility of supporting the proposed meetings and providing young US scientists and post-doctoral fellows support to attend these meetings.